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Ms. Terry Macaulay Delta Stewardship Council 980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: PEIR Comment Period Extension Request

Dear Ms. Macaulay:

The California Farm Bureau Federation ("Farm Bureau") is a non-governmental, non-profit, voluntary membership California corporation whose purpose is to protect and promote agricultural interests throughout the state of California and to find solutions to the problems of the farm, the farm home and the rural community. Farm Bureau is California's largest farm organization, comprised of 53 county Farm Bureaus currently representing more than 74,000 agricultural, associate and collegiate members in 56 counties. Farm Bureau strives to protect and improve the ability of farmers and ranchers engaged in production agriculture to provide a reliable supply of food and fiber through responsible stewardship of California's resources.

California Farm Bureau Federation supports the 5-Delta County Farm Bureau Caucus' request for an extension of the comment period on the Delta Plan Draft EIR. As stated in their request, a document of this magnitude and importance requires a thorough analysis by all stakeholders. Setting the date during the busy holiday season constrains an already compressed review period for so large and important a document.

Very truly yours,

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